

STATE OF DELAWARE



DELAWARE HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES  
DIVISION OF MEDICAID & MEDICAL ASSISTANCE  
POLICY & PLANNING UNIT

**ADMINISTRATIVE NOTICE A-06-2022**

TO: All DMMA Staff  
DATE: June 7, 2022  
PROGRAM(S): Long Term Care  
SUBJECT: Community Spouse Minimum Maintenance Needs Allowance

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**BACKGROUND**

Under Section 1924 of the Social Security Act, the minimum monthly maintenance needs standard for the community spouse is increased on July 1<sup>st</sup> each year. In addition, the excess shelter amount and family allowance increases on July 1<sup>st</sup> of each year.

**DISCUSSION**

The figures below are based on federal poverty levels published prior to July 1<sup>st</sup> each year. Section 1924 of the Social Security Act requires July 1<sup>st</sup> as the effective date.

Effective July 1, 2022, the amounts increase to:

	07/2021	07/2022
A. Minimum Monthly Maintenance Needs Allowance (150% of FPL for 2)	\$2177.50	\$2288.75
Excess Shelter (30% of A)	\$653.25	\$686.63
B. Family Allowance (1/3 of A)	\$725.83	\$762.92

**ACTION REQUIRED**

The spousal worksheet and eligibility system will be updated with these new amounts.

**DIRECT INQUIRIES TO**

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